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In the matter of:)	
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Developing Regulations and Guidelines)	Docket No. 11-RPS-01
for the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio)	
Standard)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
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and)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS
)	MEETING RE: Guideline
Implementation of Renewables)	Revisions for RPS
Investment Plan Legislation)	Implementation and
)	Renewable Energy
)	Program

**Revised Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to
the
Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook
and the *Overall Program Guidebook for the
Renewable Energy Program***

This notice updates a prior notice issued by the Energy Commission on April 18, 2012, concerning proposed revisions to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and the *Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program*.

The California Energy Commission will conduct a Business Meeting on:

May 9, 2012
Beginning at 10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

As part of the May 9, 2012, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *Lead Commissioner Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Guidebook)* and the *Lead Commissioner Draft Overall*

Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program (Overall Guidebook). Details on how to participate in the Business Meeting will be available in the Energy Commission's May 9 Business Meeting Agenda located online at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/index.html).

Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook

The *RPS Guidebook* explains how the Energy Commission implements and administers its responsibilities under California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) statute. Under these laws, the Energy Commission is charged with certifying electrical generation facilities as eligible renewable energy resources that may be used by retail sellers of electricity and local publicly owned electric utilities to satisfy their RPS procurement requirements and for developing an accounting system to verify the RPS compliance of retail sellers and local publicly-owned electric utilities. The *RPS Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying facilities as eligible renewable energy resources for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies compliance with the RPS.

Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program

The *Overall Guidebook* describes how the Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Program (REP) is administered and includes information and requirements that apply overall to the REP and the program elements, including aspects related to California's RPS. Some of the RPS-eligible renewable energy resources may qualify for funding under elements of the REP.

Process

The REP and RPS guidebooks are revised periodically to reflect statutory, market, and regulatory developments and to respond to lessons learned through implementing the program. Public Resources Code Section 25747 authorizes the Energy Commission to approve substantive changes to the guidebooks upon providing at least 10 days public notice. Changes take effect once approved at a publicly noticed meeting.

On October 14, 2011, the Energy Commission released staff drafts of proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* and the *Overall Guidebook*. On October 21, 2011, Energy Commission staff held a public workshop to present staff's proposed changes to these guidebooks. Many entities provided public comments during and following the workshop. Staff carefully considered these comments when preparing these proposed final draft guidebooks. Public comments are available on the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html#10212011

Proposed changes to the *Overall Guidebook* clarify various definitions applicable to the REP and RPS, and clarify the process for seeking reconsideration and appealing denials or cancellations of REP funding or RPS certification and disputes of funding award payments under the REP and RPS guidelines.

Proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* clarify eligibility requirements and the certification process and incorporate changes in law applicable to the RPS.

Summaries of major proposed changes to these guidebooks are provided in Attachment A to the earlier notice on proposed guidebook revisions, which was issued on April 18, 2012. The summaries include additional changes recommended by staff as a result of public comments submitted in response to the October 2011 workshop. Non-substantive and minor clarifying changes are not included in Attachment A.

The final draft guidebooks, with initial proposed changes shown in underline/strikeout format, are available on the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html

Attachment B to this notice provides additional proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* that are recommended by staff as a result of public comments received by the Energy Commission as of April 27, 2012. These public comments were made in response to the Energy Commission's earlier notice of proposed guidebook revisions, which was issued on April 18, 2012. The additional proposed changes pertain to electric generation facilities that use nonrenewable fuels or energy resources.

The additional proposed changes provided in Attachment B are not reflected in the draft *RPS Guidebook*, which provides the staff's initial proposed changes shown in underline/strikeout format and which is available on the Energy Commission's website provided above.

The forms in Appendix B of the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* will be posted on the Energy Commission's website prior to the May 9, 2012, Business Meeting.

Written Comments

Please send or deliver written materials to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 11-RPS-01
and
Docket No. 02-REN-1038
RPS Proceeding
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages written comments in advance of the business meeting. Comments may be submitted in electronic form. Please include your name or organization's name in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.ca.gov]. If both a paper copy and an electronic copy of the same document are submitted, they will be docketed as distinct and separate records upon receipt; paper copies are no longer required.

All written materials relating to this proceeding will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record. Parties are encouraged to file written comments by no later than 5 p.m. on May 2, 2012.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov] If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov]. For technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Kate Zocchetti, RPS Technical Director, at (916) 653-4710 or by e-mail at [kate.zocchetti@energy.ca.gov].

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